

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-21
Arizona Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan

WHEREAS, an effective emergency response system is dependent upon the efficient sharing of resources; and

WHEREAS, fire service agencies play a vital role in emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities; and

WHEREAS, no single community has sufficient resources to respond to all emergencies and mutual aid agreements are an essential component of preparedness planning; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA), Arizona State Land Department, Arizona Division of Emergency Management, and county emergency management agencies have developed the Arizona Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan to facilitate the sharing of statewide fire service resources; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan provides for the systematic mobilization and operation of fire service agencies in mitigating the effects of civil, natural or technological disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, do hereby order as follows:

1. All state agencies are directed to comply with and contribute to the implementation and continued development of the Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan.
2. Fire departments across Arizona are encouraged to adopt and participate in the Arizona Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan.
3. Arizona fire departments are also encouraged to use the Arizona Fire Service Mutual Aid Plan as a framework for developing detailed operational plans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at Lakeside, Arizona this 21st day of June in the Year Two Thousand and Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE